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Town & District

Bert Robinson is confined to his bed with an attack of pneumonia. He was somewhat improved this morning.

Mr. and Mrs. A. W. Ridell of Calgary visited the former's parents and other relatives over the weekend.

No Gleichen risks entered the Calgary hospital which began Monday. Just why no local risks entered is not quite clear. Some say they are financially embarrassed, the weather is too cold and just could not be bothered. For many years past Gleichen always sent risks to the Calgary hospital and always had a swell time.

At the coast they are having howling winds and blowing snow. In Ontario the weather there is warm and rain falls one day, the next terrific gales blow with many inches of snow. On the prairies we are having grand weather. No winds or blizzards to cope with. The sun is clear and frosty, the sun shines all over the day, in fact we are having fine weather although it may be a little cold. But we are getting used to this long continued below zero weather and don't mind it at all.

T. B. Northfield, optometrist, will be in Ch. 10, 10-day morning, Jan. 18th, and Gleichen, Thursday afternoon, January 19th, for the purpose of examining eyes, etc.

Culders who are members of the Legion at Brooks, Bassano, Standand and Gleichen held a district campfire one night last week at the local rink. A rink shipped by Campbell Brown of Gleichen was the series. This rink will represent the district and will enter the playoff for the provincial title among Legion rinks. The visiting culders were entertained to a turkey supper in the Legion hall.

About ten o'clock Tuesday morning fire in Dan Macdonald's black smith shop caused a little excitement in town. The blaze was extinguished before much damage was done. H. J. Mer Cram has been using the shop for the past several days to do some work and had a fire in the furnace to warm up the black. It was in the floor near the furnace where the blaze was discovered. To extinguish the fire completely, the firemen were compelled to tear up about 10 square feet of plank and using snow and some oil men cut the black out. This is at present in Scotland with the touring Canadian culders.

The people of Australia recently tossed out the Socialist government of J. B. C. O'Leary and placed in power a coalition of Liberal and Country Party members who made anti-socialism the main plank in their campaign. There is a moral for the Canadians in the downfall of the Australian socialists. First elected in 1941, they proceeded on orthodox socialist lines, with the support of the majority of the Australian people, until Cixley became prime minister in 1945. From then on, the main purpose of the government was to gain control of the commercial banking system, finally by nationalization legislation that was passed by the senate. In the process, the government lost the support of the Australian people who determined that no government should lay hand on their savings or set up bureaucratic lending policies, or make a socialist party button and socialist doctrines would determine credit applications. The moral for Canadians is direct and simple: Beware a party that would get too close to your private bank account or expose it to political scrutiny. There is a salutary lesson for governments too. In action and in policy governments do well to keep even so much as the faintest shadow of the tax gatherer from falling across a voter's bank book, or the faintest suspicion that his trying eye is there.

Road signing on secondary highways will be extended in Alberta this year according to the Alberta Motor Association. Extensive work was done last year particularly on highways in the southern part of province. An outlay of \$2,400 was made on road marking by the association. \$1,000 was also allocated for road marking in southern Alberta, this being in addition to work

carried on by the Lethbridge branch. The provincial board has also erected two large directional signs, located on highways at the points of entry at Coups and Carway, a total cost of \$1,400. In the north a limited program was carried on. It is the intention to expand this considerably this year to meet the demands of steadily increasing traffic. More adequate road signing has been urged in the past. Particular attention has been drawn to conditions in southern Alberta, which is the region which many U.S. tourists enter first in visiting Alberta. The marking of main highways is carried out by the provincial public works department.

Canada prides itself on the rule of fair play. Canadian youngsters learn early that no matter what they do, punishment and reward are only meted out after both sides of the story have been heard. They learn early the necessity and the value of both sides being told. The first time a Canadian child has a penny to spend he learns the wonder of freedom of choice. It is a penny and he spends it for any one of a number of items. It is a privilege to make his own choice. He has weighed that advantage of first one time and then another as the child grows up, he continues to learn that his choice and decision in life should be made only after he has learned all the facts. As he grows older he comes to realize the value of such knowledge. Basically he realizes that his life is his own only because of his ability to learn both sides of every situation and controversy. Because it has always been his right, however, he tends to take that privilege for granted.

St. Andrew's Church Appoint Officials For Ensuing Year

The members of St. Andrew's Church held their annual meeting last week and elected the following officers for the ensuing year: Rector's warden, A. Horn and warden people's warden, Vestrymen, J. MacCallum, H. Bogstie, Dick Johnson, C. J. Yates, E. Ferguson, J. Moore, J. Hushaw, E. Cousins and H. Collops. Mr. Murray was appointed auditor. The W. A. officers are: honorary president, Mrs. Houghton; president, Mrs. W. B. Bunter; vice-president, Mrs. Yates; secretary, Mrs. E. Holland; assistant secretary, Mrs. H. Schults; treasurer, Mrs. H. Bogstie. Little Helpers secretary, Mrs. J. Henshaw; United Thank Offering, Mrs. E. Cousins; visiting committee, Mrs. P. Deshayes and Mrs. E. Ferguson; mid-day gift, Mrs. W. Schmidt; Ladies' Messing, Mrs. H. Collops.

W.A. United Church Hear Report at Annual Meeting

Owing to the cold weather only a small gathering attended the first meeting of the new year at the Manor on Thursday. Mrs. W. Morrison was hostess to 14 ladies and one visitor. The meeting opened with a prayer by Rev. Morrison, followed by the singing and creed. A short devotional was read by Mr. M. W. Bollinger. A motion was passed that the W. A. affiliate with the W.M.S.E. It was decided to send for membership cards. Tentative committees were chosen. It was agreed that Mrs. W. Pugh take over office of literary secretary along with devotional work. An induction service was conducted by Mr. Morrison and the following are the 1950 officers. Honorary president—Mrs. W. Morrison. President—Mrs. M. W. Bollinger. Vice-president—Mrs. E. W. Taylor. Secretary—Mrs. N. A. Ridell. Treasurer—Mrs. R. K. Hunter. Devotional—Mrs. W. Pugh. The treasurer gave a report on the past year. General fund \$480.17 and Manse fund \$80. The year was very successful. All bills are paid. The new year starts out with a clean sheet. A delicious lunch was served by the hostess committee.

Municipal Govt. Foundation of Democratic System

The main thing to look in mind when considering the present problems of municipal government is that it was conceived as the broad basis of our free democratic structure. Bringing the problems of public affairs right to the doorstep of the common people, pioneering a new nation, introduced factors which our forefathers cherished, exercised and defended. Then, local autonomy was accepted as a sphere of education and citizenship in which individual attitude opened the door to higher public ambitions. Serving on municipal councils was considered an honor and a duty and "democracy" was said to be something more than a mere phrase.

Today we find great changes and many new problems facing the present generation in the administration of municipal government. The rapid pace of industrialism and transportation; the trend to decentralization; the public demand for more and more social services have all combined to throw new weights and stresses into the realm of local government. At the same time we find a tendency among the younger generation not only to bypass the study of government but to shy away from public office and the responsibilities and criticisms that go with it.

Many of us are old enough to recall the earnestness with which our fathers tackled the problems of municipal government. They literally threw themselves into local election contests, accepted authority without criticism and carefully listened to the public works that made the modern towns and cities we live in today. They viewed with a wary eye the paternalism of senior governments. They held that true democracy required rigid adherence to the principle of untrammeled local autonomy.

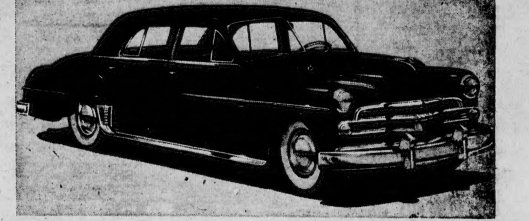
But the fast pace of modern living has brought vast changes which too many of us appear to accept with little study and with calm complacency. Councils now accept and even demand more and more hand-outs from senior authority to finance local needs. Subsidies for education, hospitals, recreation, roads and streets, fire protection, or what have you, have become the order of the day. And with all this local public life seems to be steadily mounting with the large burden still carried by the property owner.

This mounting burden of purely municipal debt has gone along with greatly increased provincial subsidies. The old warning that hand-outs from outside sources simply invite increased spending seems to apply pretty well today. But there is a breaking point. There may well come a time when the source that pays the money calls the tune. With every handout goes along a weakening of local autonomy and a lessening of a sense of individual responsibility on the level of municipal government. This is not only an accepted theory but a growing fact.

Where the authoritarian principle is permitted to intrude, at that point precisely is where true democracy begins to fade and unravel. The consciousness of this trend today is brought forcibly home to the editors of weekly newspapers of Canada. They live and move among the very people who make up the grass-roots property of the whole nation. No section of the public press is more concerned with preserving freedom than the weeklies, and true freedom cannot have full sway without the preservation of the fullest measure of local autonomy exercised on the level of municipal government.

The time has come for a broad readjustment in this country of the whole scheme of responsible, representative government. There is a growing trend toward a better understanding in Dominion-Provincial affairs. It would appear to be the part and wisdom and statesmanship to broaden the conference on national warfare to include outstanding authorities on municipal government and build a new framework along lines indicated in the Sirs Report. Certainly we can not afford much longer to continue along the casual lines that are too much in evidence all across Canada to day in the realm of municipal affairs.

New Custom Dodge With Fluid Drive



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By use of infra-red rays, photographs can now be taken of a person in the dark without his knowledge.

Contrary to popular impression the first person to go over Niagara Falls in a barrel was not a man, but a woman, Anna Edson Taylor. Strapped in a cushioned cask, she made a successful plunge over the Canadian side on October 24, 1901. Throughout the world, the most widely used masculine and feminine given names are Mohammed and Mary.

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The greatest American death loss in a single fire was at Peshtigo, Wisconsin, when 1,200 people died October 8th, 1871—which oddly enough, is the same day the historic Chicago fire started.

The sun rotates on its axis from west to east.

The Call can quote you prices on counter check books that can save you money.

CURIOUS PROBLEMS.

Do You Think That You Could Count Up to a Trillion?

Some persons openly manifest an aversion to mathematics. Can they be considered when such problems as these are presented to them?

One little statement that set many people to thinking about their limitations first appeared in a publication some twenty-five years ago. "I am a plain man," said the author, "and I have never counted very long. Suppose you counted without stopping at the rate of 200 every minute of the day and night, how long would it take? You could count 12,000 an hour, 288,000 in a day, 105,120,000 in a year of 365 1/4 days. Since a billion is a thousand million, it is a simple matter to see that it would take nearly ten years to reach that sum, and since a trillion is a thousand billion it does not require a great stretch of the imagination to see that we could never reach that amount even if we had in the neighborhood of 10,000 years to devote to the task.

Women of social ambitions once remarked to an acquaintance that she had eighteen intimate friends whom she wished to have to dinner, but as her table seated only eight she could have only six guests at a time. It was suggested that she invite them in rotation, counting the guests until each had been to dinner with all of the others. At the first dinner she announced her plan, and one of the guests said, "I don't think the number of dinners she would have to give them would be very large."

When he learned that she thought twenty or thirty dinners would answer her purpose, he took a pencil from his pocket and after five minutes' calculation he said that it would require 18,544 dinner parties for her plan. At a rate of 300 each year this would require nearly sixty-two years. The plan was abandoned.

He then suggested that she see how many ways he could eat the eight people around the table, and she was ready to try that as well until he told her that it was possible to arrange 40,230 seatings without having any two alike. Suppose six horses were running a race. If some one should offer to bet that you could not tell the exact order in which the six horses would cross the tape, you would be willing to bet under such conditions. But their chances to win would be exceedingly small. Any one of the six horses might be first; any one of the other five might be second. Of the other four any one might be third. There would be three choices for fourth place, two for fifth and one for sixth. Now, since the same possibilities would remain, no matter how we started, it is easy to see that the total number of arrangements must be 6 x 5 x 4 x 3 x 2 x 1, or 720, so that the bettor has exactly one chance in 720 of winning, provided he knows absolutely nothing about the horses. If he takes odds of 100 to 1 he is almost certain to lose, for he is really the one who has given the odds 72 to 1 in favor of 100 to 1.



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Germination Results. Line Elevator Farm Service has completed germination tests on more than 6,000 farmers' seed samples of wheat, oats and barley. Three samples represent seed intended for planting in 1950. The results of these extensive tests show that an unusually high percentage of the year's Western Canadian farm seed samples are germinating poorly—less than 70% germination. The situation is most serious in oats and barley, and more particularly in seed from the northern districts of Saskatchewan and Alberta. Farmers who have not already had germination tests made would be wise to have them made or to make them on their own. We will gladly give you a printed card giving full directions for making a germination test at home.

Seed Tests Needed. Good seed is the key to a profitable crop. It must be free of smut and other seed-borne diseases. Unfortunately, the West's smut situation in Western Canada is still unsatisfactory. Unless farmers know their wheat seed is free of smut they should have a test made. The alternative is, of course, seed treatment. In fact, it is so serious that this Department has no hesitation in urging all prairie farmers to be sure and treat their oats and barley for smut control.

Free Tests Available. Western farmers are invited to make full use of the free germination and smut tests offered by this Department. Take a sample of seed to your local Line Elevator Agent. He will forward it to us for testing, and return the results to you. Don't sow seed that won't grow. Hay seed should be sure and have your seed tested for germination this year.

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